



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 05-67

October 14, 2005

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, to issue long-term debt securities in an aggregate amount of up to \$15,000,000, and for a waiver to G.L. c. 164, § 15.

On October 6, 2005, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition for approval and authorization to issue long-term debt in an aggregate amount of up to \$15,000,000. As part of the Company's petition, Fitchburg requests that the Department waive the requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15, which mandates that gas and electric companies invite proposals for a proposed securities issuance by newspaper advertisement. In this proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, the reasonable necessity of the long-term debt issuance for the Company's stated purpose of refinancing a portion of Fitchburg's short-term debt incurred for additions, extensions, and betterments to the Company's utility plant, property and equipment, and for future capital expenditures on utility plant.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The Department will hold an evidentiary hearing immediately upon the conclusion of the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, November 1, 2005. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes

filing. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Comments or petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 05-67); (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Comments or petitions to intervene must also be filed with the Company's counsel, Meabh Purcell, Esq., LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene, and MacRae, 260 Franklin Street, 02110-3173

A copy of Fitchburg's filing will be available for public viewing during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) at the offices of the Department. Fitchburg's petition will also be available for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 01090. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact the Company's counsel, Meabh Purcell, Esq., of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene, and MacRae, at 617-748-6800, or John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts at 617-305-3500.



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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") is required to publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") not less than fourteen (14) days prior to Thursday, November 3, 2005, in the Fitchburg-Leominster Sentinel and Gazette, and in either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. The Company is required to serve a copy of Fitchburg's Notice upon the Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Mayors, City Councils, and City Clerks in the Company's service area, and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. Fitchburg is also required to provide return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary